Percentage of Visuals in News Bulletin Telecasts on DD.

2392. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of visuals/recording live or post incidents of events in a news bulletin telecast over DD; and

(b) whether any comparison of the percentage of visuals has been made with news bulletin telecast by other news channels such as BBC, Star News, CNN etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITELY): (a) Prasar Bharti has intimated the visuals of live or recorded events, in a news bulletin, constitute on an average 62.5% of telecast time.

(b) No, Sir.

Community TV sets for backward villages in Bihar

2393. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided funds to State Government of Bihar for installing Community viewing TV sets in the backward villages of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last five years, year-wise and the number of Community TV sets installed each year; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above in the negative, the reasons therefor and remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITELY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Installation and maintenance of community viewing TV sets

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fall under the purview of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration out of their own funds.

Separate time slots for Manipuri in AIR's national language service

2394. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of major Indian languages included in the Eighth Schedule which have received separate time slots in AIR's national languages service;
(b) the reasons for the Manipuri language, which is one of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule, not receiving separate time slots in AIR's national language service; and
(c) by when Manipuri news bulletin will be included in AIR's national language service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Names of major Indian languages in VIII Schedule of the Constitution in which AIR broadcasts National Bulletins are Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Malayalam, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telegu and Urdu.

(b) Prasar Bharati has informed that due to constraints of resources, it has not been found possible to originate the Manipuri news bulletin from Delhi. However, Manipuri news bulletins are broadcasts from AIR, Imphal between 1930-1945 hours.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.